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February 7, 2006

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To: Mayor Michael D. Antonovich
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From: David E. Janssen
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OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENT

Consistent with the August 4, 1998 Board-approved policy on managerial appointments, we have reviewed and recommend Board approval of the Office of County Counsel's attached request to promote Mr. Charles Safer to the position of Assistant County Counsel (UC), Item 09208 (A-3), at an annual salary of \$148,950.00. This will place Mr. Safer within the second quartile of salary schedule A-3 and will result in a ten percent salary increase. Mr. Safer will be appointed to a vacant budgeted unclassified position and will not result in additional net County cost.

Mr. Safer will serve as Division Chief of the Transportation Division, which provides general counsel services including advice, litigation support and transactional work to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. He has nineteen years of transportation law experience, having served as an attorney in the Transportation Division since its inception in 1994. He also served over seven years as a staff attorney for the Southern California Rapid Transit District.

In accordance with the policy on managerial appointments, please advise this office if you would like this request placed on an upcoming agenda for Board action. Unless otherwise instructed by February 15, 2006, we will authorize the Office of County Counsel to proceed with the appointment.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

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Attachment

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
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TO: DAVID E. JANSSEN
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FROM: RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

RE: Request for Authorization to Promote

This is to request your authorization to promote Principal Deputy County Counsel Charles Safer to the vacant budgeted portion of Assistant County Counsel at a monthly salary of \$12,412.50 (annual salary of \$148,950.00), constituting a raise of approximately 10 % over his current salary of \$11,284.09.

As you are aware, I recently notified the Board of my intention to promote Steven Carnevale to the position of Senior Assistant County Counsel. Thus, it is necessary to backfill the Division Chief of our Transportation Division, which provides general counsel services, including advice, litigation support and transactional work to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("MTA"). Mr. Safer is an extremely qualified replacement for that position.

Charles is a graduate of the University of Southern California and Southwestern University School of Law. He has nineteen years of transportation law experience, having served as an attorney in the Transportation Division since it was formed in 1994, and, prior to that, serving for over seven years as a staff attorney with the Southern California Rapid Transit District. Charles is a fine attorney who is well respected by his colleagues and by the MTA staff with whom he has worked. Given his solid background in the subject matter area, his strong legal skills, and his temperament and personality which I believe are well suited for a management position, I am confident that Charles will do an excellent job in assuring that our office continues to provide high quality legal services to the MTA.

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